

Canine Bulletin

Nebraska Task Force - 1

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Category 2 - The Qualified Dog

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The qualified dog is not a dog who is ready to pass the Basic test — it is much more.

He has demonstrated proficiency in the following areas:

- A. *Search Drive* - For our purposes defined as the ability and motivation to search for a concealed victim amidst distractions such as other searchers, rescue personnel and equipment, food, animals, cadaver scent.
- B. *Victim Loyalty* - Upon identifying a live victim, he will remain committed to that victim without losing interest of becoming distracted by the surroundings.
- C. *Not Dog/People Aggressive* - He does not make unprovoked attacks on people or other canines.
- D. *Off-Leash Control* - He is under the handler's control whether off duty, training or working in the confusion and excitement of a disaster. This quality is essential not only for deployment but for the dog to progress in all elements of training.
- E. *Alert* - He can do a 30-second bark alert under sterile conditions as described in the Basic test, demonstrating his ability to do the required alert and his commitment to a concealed live victim who has no toy or food reward.
- F. *Rubble Agility* - He can negotiate unfamiliar rubble sites while maintaining his search drive and alerting skills.



Ultimately our task force will have a full complement of certified teams. In the short term and until that goal is reached, the qualified dog is a means of identifying and deploying our most effective canine teams.

Thank You!!

Vickie Senters is hanging up her hat and the Lincoln Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Task Force would like to thank her for her years of commitment. We wish her all the luck in the future.

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Calendar of Canine Training for 1998*

November 21 NETF - 1 in Missouri
*December No monthly session

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